

Meeting Minutes

Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Wednesday March 17, 2010

3:00 pm

3rd Floor Meeting Room, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD

Present: Don Briggs, Lisa Gaver, Margie Lance, Rich Maranto, Fred Ugast, Janice Wiles, Sally Fulmer, Steve Chafitz, Mark Lancaster, Winnie Palmer. **Staff:** Hilari Varnadore, Lisa Orr, Kelli Goetz.

Others: Linda Norris, Christian May, Brian Hirety, Naomi Bowers, Kibby Powell, Brent Eskay, Leah Crace-Jones, Brent Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Don Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

2. Administrative Items

Minutes: Fred Ugast made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections showing Steve Chafitz, Mark Lancaster and Winnie Palmer were present. Margie Lance seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as amended.

Staff Update (Go Green Event) : Hilari, Kelly and Lisa showed pictures of the event and stated it was a great success.

Upcoming events were discussed and it was noted a newsletter might be helpful to advise Commission members and the public of such events.

Commission Vacancy and Appointment Process: After discussing and reviewing the applications individually and presenting their top three candidates, the Commission voted to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners Will Morrow to fill Lisa Orr's vacancy. Margie Lance made a motion to recommend Mr. Morrow, Janice Wiles seconded the motion. Vote: Yea 10, Nay 0. Two absent.

Advertisement of Vacancies for Member Seats Given One-term: It was discussed that several members on the Commission have one year terms which will expire soon. If they wish to remain on the Commission, they should contact Joyce Grossnickle to make sure she is aware they wish to be re-appointed.

3. Commission Member Comments

The movie series was discussed and noted it was quite educational. Business recycling was discussed and it was decided more could be done in that area. Other topics included solar tours, MDE tours, community gardens, agricultural forums, Waste to Energy, and Leadership Frederick

events. BRAC was also noted with regards to green buildings and multi-use of buildings. Project Sunburst was also brought up for discussion.

4. Municipal Updates

Many items were discussed including clean energy loan, PV Solar and use of solar power in association with lighting. A meeting with Ft. Detrick was noted as being impressive.

5. Public Comments

Several representatives from Frederick City, Standard Solar, Fort Detrick, Glory Energy Solutions, Timberrock Energy were also present and made various comments.

6. Sustainability Commission Work Plan

Hilari noted the Agriculture section had been changed from what was sent out after working with Lisa Gaver. All aspects of the Plan were discussed led by the goal guardians for each program area. Several edits were made to the text during the conversation. Staff noted that an updated draft would be distributed after the meeting with the changes. After a robust discussion, a motion was made by Steve, seconded by Winnie, to accept the plan with changes. The vote was unanimous. Hilari reported that the next step would be to present the plan to the Board of County Commissioners in April.

7. Adjourn

Before the meeting adjourned, meeting dates for the balance of the year were reviewed. It was noted in July there will be an election of officers and in August there would be no meeting.

Steve made a motion to adjourn. Rick seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.